

## CANDLES OF BAYBERRY WAX

Important and Decorative Yuletide Accessory May Be Made With Little Effort.

**B**AYBERRY candles for the Yuletide season were the pride of colonial dames. Then they went out completely and no one ever heard of home-made bayberry candles until a few years ago saw a revival of the art, when one found them again in arts and crafts shops, writes Helen Harrison in the New York Post. Amateurs began to experiment, and they learned that candle making is not a difficult art.

One amateur experimenter found that brass or copper kettles used for melting wax made the gray-green of bayberry wax much greener.

The old-fashioned candle dip method is simple, or one can construct molds of heavy paper if regular forms are not available.

One quart measure of berries will make a medium-sized candle. The old-fashioned candle molds are large and require about two quarts of berries for one candle.

The berries should be covered with water and set over the fire to melt off the wax coating. As twigs and leaves get in with the berries, it is necessary to strain the wax through a sieve at first. After the first straining the wax should be reheated and then strained again through coarse cheesecloth.

When ready to mold, fasten lengths of cheesecloth through each mold, inserting the wick at the mold's point and tying the other end around a stick that will rest across the top of the mold.

Heating the wax again, fill in each mold, making sure that the wick is tight. To remove from mold without cracking, warm it slightly in hot water before slipping the candle from each form.

Heavy paper can be served or pasted into mold forms and a bottom glued to each, leaving a small hole in the center of the bottom, through which the wick can be slipped and knotted. It is a slower process, but satisfactory as a makeshift.

To make candle dips fasten two or three pieces of wick to a stick and fasten enough apart to prevent touching but not too far to extend beyond the sides of the kettle holding the wax. Dip into hot wax repeatedly, as each coat dries, until desired size has been obtained.

## RAINBOW AROUND MOON

**T**HE moon came up like a big gold plate. As it slowly mounted higher, the sun in the moon looked down to see what people were going to get for Christmas. A lovely rainbow grew so interested, too, that it gathered in a beautiful circle around the moon and sailed up the sky with it, thinking of all the happy time below. Then a moonbeam fell upon the face of Tim Purdy, as he lay sleeping near his window, and was changed into a smile as it got into his dream. He thought he saw the very thing that he had wanted so much and so long, coming down to him through the air. As the moonbeam stayed until it awoke him, and as he looked up and saw the colored halo that crowned the moon's head, he exclaimed: "What a pretty rainbow! Faith I think it means good luck for me!" He was right. It did. In the morning he found that some good fairy had found out and brought the very thing that he wanted.—C. G. Hazard.

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**The Bear's Head.**  
The old Christmas dishes were, of course, largely determined by the food material available for the Christmas board. The existence of thousands of wild hours in the woods made bear hunting one of the national sports and the bear's head with its concomitant brown, one of the most popular among Christmas dishes. The old custom of serving up this ancient dish at Queen's college, Oxford, is associated with a legend to the effect that in olden days one of these wild denizens of the woods, saved himself from its jaws by thrusting his Greek lexicon down its throat, with the ejaculation: "Graecum est" (It is Greek). Of course the beast was choked, the "choking" possibilities of such a dry-as-dust volume being generally understood.

## HER LESSER HALF.

Come into the next room, reader. You see we was right. That wasn't his fiancée, at all, although it was a sort of ex-fiancée, 'cause he's her lesser half. Merry Christmas.

## Raisin Toffee.

One and one-half cups of brown sugar, 1/4 cupful vinegar, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, 1/2 cupful broken walnut meats, 1/2 cupful chopped raisins.  
Cook sugar and vinegar together until it forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add butter and pour on nuts and raisins arranged in a greased pan. As it hardens press into squares.

## Simple Paint Remover.

Heated lye water applied with an old scrubbing or paint brush to wood-work or furniture will easily remove the paint or varnish with the aid of a scraper.

## Order of Services At the Churches

### First Church of Christ Scientist

Alma, Mich., 511 North Park Ave.  
Lesson Sermon—10:30.  
Sunday School—9:30.  
Wednesday testimony meeting 7:30.  
The Christian Science Reading Room located at 113 1/2 West Superior street is open daily except Sundays from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to the services and the Reading room.

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

(Cor. Prospect and Downie Sts.)  
Sunday services as follows:  
Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. the first and third Sunday of the month.  
Mass at 10:30 a. m. only on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Rev. John Mulvey, Pastor.

### Free Methodist Church

Corner of Cedar and Center Sts.  
E. Mellot, Pastor  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Elmer Swan, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7:00.

Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Everybody welcome to all of these services.

### St. John's Episcopal Church

10 a. m.—Sunday School.  
11 a. m.—Morning Prayer and sermon. Subject: "Reading and Sewing."  
7 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon. Subject: "God's Talents."

The boys' choir will sing at both services.

Strangers and visitors cordially invited.

Rev. James Moore Horton, L. Th. Rector.

### Presbyterian Church.

Cor. W. Superior and Prospect Ave.  
Rev. W. L. Gelston, Minister.  
10 a. m.—Sunday School.  
The best month in the history of the school in attendance and efficiency was last month.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.

Theme: "The Master's Last Great Sermon."

2:30 p. m.—Junior Endeavor.

6:30—High School Endeavor and College Endeavor Societies. Topic: "The Glorious Gains of Fidelity."

Rev. 2:1-10.

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

Theme—"Jesus Talks to a Judge."

Musical by a quartet composed of Mrs. Ruth Palmer Moore, Mrs. Mildred Sweet Youngquist, Mr. Chester Robinson and Mr. Howard Moore.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### Baptist Church

Regular morning and evening services, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Rev. L. M. Kelly of Detroit.

Sunday School, 11:15 a. m.

Young People's Meeting, 6 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to these services.

### East Superior Christian Church

The aim of this body is to present a glad message to the world and a doctrinal position which because of its scripturalness may be accepted by all believers.

H. H. Anderson, Minister.

Julian Smith, Gen. S. S. Supt.

Fromilda Young, Musical Director

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9:45 a. m.—The Church at School.

11:00—The hour of Communion and Fellowship.

6:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.

7:00—Evangelistic Service.

A hearty welcome to all, a comfortable, modern church, a well-conducted spiritual service.

Morning sermon—The Supreme Need.

Evening sermon—The Third Commandment.

## WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mrs. Wesley Webb is seriously ill with kidney trouble.

Charles Childs and mother were callers at Arthur Child's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockafellow were visitors in Riverdale Sunday.

There was a hard time party held at the home of John Fink Friday evening.

It was very well attended.

Mrs. Florence Webb spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb.

A large number from this vicinity attended the Willing Worker Aid Society at the home of Alfred Eicher Wednesday.

Mrs. Giles Isham returned home from Lansing Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf called on Mrs. Wesley Webb Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Wolfe has returned from Canada.

## ITHACA

The proceeds from the bazaar and supper given by the ladies' of the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon and evening amounted to \$185. A social time was enjoyed as was the program given by eight girls of Mrs. Roy Cowdrey's Sunday school class.

A. J. Loomis returned Monday to his home at Ovid after spending a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McArthur.

Miss Hannah Ackerman spent Thursday and Friday in Lansing attending a conference of health officers and public health nurses of the state called by Dr. Olin.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Freeman of Middleton were guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas.

Mrs. Cassie Barstow and grandson, Bruce Colwell, left Wednesday for Lakeland, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

The Delphian club met with Mrs. Roy Cowdrey Monday evening.

German and French dramatists were studied. Leaders, Miss Katherine Richards and Miss Sadie Brodebeck.

George Lake and family moved recently from their farm in Newark township to the M. C. Lake home in town. He, with Mr. McKinney, attended the stock show in Chicago the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Coleman of near Linden came Saturday to spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. William Ching, and other relatives in this vicinity.

The debate on the "Waterways Project" between the Ithaca and Elsie high schools was won by the local school the decision being 2 to 1. Ithaca took the negative side of the question.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Emerson have scarlet fever. They reside in the Allen district where the school is closed owing to the disease.

Mrs. M. O. Simmons of Detroit is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Thomas.

Mrs. Earl Guthrie entertained the Ladies' circle Thursday afternoon.

During the afternoon J. N. McCall called at the meeting and spoke of the need of a new high school building in Ithaca. A business session was held and books were exchanged. Lunch was served by the hostess. Next week the club will meet with Mrs. Harry Holdredge.

The choir and Sunday school class No. 8 of the Baptist church served at the church Friday evening.

A masquerade party is being given Thursday evening at the armory under the management of the Business Women's Club.

Mrs. Elmer Thomas presented some of her music pupils in a recital at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Thomas. Those taking part were Lucile Crites, Margaret Doran, Arla Eyer, Irene Misenholder, Beatrice Johnson, Howard Potter, Naomi Douglas, Dorian Fanny Probst. Following the recital games were played and light refreshments were served.

## NORTH BETHANY

Marie Rogers is working in Alma.

Otto Fenner and family spent Sunday at Geo. Gulick's near Alma.

Several men from this vicinity are hauling beets from Pleasant Valley.

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